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SOUTHERN CITIES ELECT NEGRO COUNCILMEN

JOSEPHINE BAKER DENIES WILLIE MCGEE FUNERAL FUND SWINDLE CHARGE

World Famous Negro Actress Denies Making Statements Charged To Her Regarding Willie McGee Case

Says "I Am Shocked By The Violent Misquotations In The Entire Story"

George Schuyler, Pittsburgh Courier, Hit By CRC Spokesman

New York, N. Y. — Josephine Baker, world-famous Negro entertainer, has categorically denied a statement attributed to her in the press, in which she allegedly charged a "swindle of McGee funds by the Civil Rights Congress."

At the same time, Mrs. Rosalee McGee, widow of the Mississippi Negro who was executed last week for alleged rape in a case that won world-wide attention, declared in New Orleans, "The CRC kept my husband alive for the last five years... I know who swindled my husband and who fought to the last minute to save him."

The press statement, referring to "Communists" but obviously referring to the Civil Rights Congress, a non-Communist organization which had sole charge of McGee's defense, first appeared in the Hearst-syndicated Dorothy Kilgallen column in the N. Y. Journal-American on Monday, May 14.

On the following day, the Pittsburgh Courier, a Negro weekly, repeated the statement and directed the false charge openly at the Civil Rights Congress.

Miss Baker, the Civil Rights Congress reported, sent the following wire from Boston to the Courier and to the Negro press: "The statement attributed to me in the May 19 issue of the Pittsburgh Courier charging misuse of funds collected for the defense of Willie McGee is completely erroneous."

"I have never charged a swindle by anyone of monies obtained to further McGee's defense."

"I deny categorically describing any person who aided McGee as vicious."

"Further, I am shocked at the violent misquotations in the entire story."

At a press conference in New Orleans, Thursday morning, Mrs. McGee said:

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Grand High Priest



Ill. Clarence Winters, Grand High Priest, who will preside over the fifth annual convention of the M. W. King Hiram Masonic Grand Lodge of Mississippi, July 29-30, in Greenwood, Miss.

The Lanier Club Of Chicago Plans Big Second Anniversary

BY JESSE L. MOMAN

The Officers of the Lanier Club of Chicago, announce plans to carry on a Big Second Anniversary Celebration. The program starts immediately, with plans being formulated to publish a year book. The year book will include pictures of

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MASONS TO PROVIDE \$20,000 RESEARCH DEPT. FOR NAACP

DENVER, Colo.—A research department, estimated to cost \$20,000 a year, will be provided for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by Prince Hall Masons through the Conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons of America.

The decision was announced here at the close of a three-day Conference of Grand Masters representing thirty-nine states in which Prince Hall Grand Lodges operate. Principal speaker at the meeting

ROSCOE CONKLING SIMMONS NATIVE OF MISS. EULOGIZED BY ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE
Famed Orator Was Nephew Of Booker T. Washington And Noted Writer
Was Columnist For Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—(ANP)—The Illinois house last week took time out to eulogize the late Roscoe Conklin Simmons, famed Republican orator.

Simmons died recently in Chicago after completing testimony in Washington, D. C. in connection with his part in the defeat of Sen. Millard Tydings in Maryland. He was a native of Mississippi.

After approving the resolution the house adjourned. A copy of the resolution was sent to Mrs. Athleta Simmons, widow of the noted orator.

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West Coast Man Earns Post In State Dept.

LOS ANGELES, (ANP)—Lawrence Wilson, noted coast business man, last week learned that he has been appointed a cultural affairs officer in the U. S. Department of State.

He has been called away from

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Annual Session Of Moses Grand Royal Arch Chapter Set For July 29-30th In Greenwood

Greenwood, Miss., May 21.—(Special)—Greenwood Royal Arch Chapter No. 19, Rev. C. H. Jackson, High Priest, will be host to a record breaking convention of Moses Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Sunday and Monday, July 29-30, 1951.

The members will assemble at the Stone Street High School, Sunday, July 29th, at High Noon, where the biggest parade in the history of the order will begin and proceed to Wesley Chapel, 800 Howard Street, Rev. Lindsey, Pastor. Annual Sermon will be delivered by Companion Edd Jackson.

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Annual Christian Conference Of Negro Women Here June 1st

The Annual Christian Conference of Negro Women will hold its Twenty-Fifth Annual meeting at Jackson College, May 28, through June 1, 1951.

The Conference has touched the lives of many individuals since its beginning. The Conference is interdenominational which gives its participants a rich opportunity for fellowship.

Under the able leadership of the Director, Mrs. I. N. Baker Jr. this promises to be one of the greatest Conferences ever had in the history of its organization.

Our churches are in great need of leaders. Some of our most out-

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Priest Opens \$1,500,000.00 Hospital In City For Negroes

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(Special)—The city for Negroes which is dedicated to Saint Jude, the "Saint of the Impossible," boasts a new 102 bed hospital. The hospital was erected at a cost exceeding \$1,500,000.

Located three miles from Montgomery, the "city" that was founded to give better health and educational facilities is the dream-come-true of Father Harold Purcell, dynamic Catholic priest. Father Purcell came to Montgomery 16 years ago without a penny in his pocket. In addition to the hospital, the City of St. Jude now has a large administration building, a church, and a grade and high school building with an enrollment of more than 1,300.

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Racial Justice Still Democracy's Big Problem Judge Tells Catholic Council

BROOKLYN.—(Special)—The cause of interracial justice is the most important piece of unfinished business in our American democracy, the Federal prosecutor of 11 Communist conspirators told the annual conference of the Brooklyn Catholic Interracial Council here.

John F. X. McGhee, former

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Louisianan Named Class Room Teacher Of The Year



Mrs. Ruth L. Douglas, a teacher of Central Junior High School, Shreveport, Louisiana, has been selected the Classroom Teacher of the Year in Negro Schools for 1950-51 in a nation-wide contest conducted by The Negro Educational Review, the official organ of the National Teachers Research Association.

President Otis Says Anticipated Reduction In Student Enrollment And Income Next Year Forced A Reduction In Staff Of Alcorn College

See Decline Of \$61,000 In Income From Vet Students Say College For Long Time Over-Staffed

ALCORN, Miss., May 23.—(DSN)—The wholesale dismissal of teachers and members of the staff of Alcorn College which has been the subject of rumors throughout the state for the past several days was confirmed early this week by President J. R. Otis.

The president said however that the action was made necessary by the anticipated reduction of approximately \$61,000 in the college

budget for next year, and by the fact that for a long time the college has been much over-staffed.

In reference to the reduction in the budget for next year the President said it was based on an anticipated reduction in student enrollment, mainly veteran trainees, which was already down about a third from the previous year.

At the same time the President

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Bishop Robert N. Brooks To Preside At 84th Session Mississippi Annual Conference Of Methodist Church Opening Tuesday At Central Church

The 84th Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Church will convene Tuesday at Central Church with Bishop Robert N. Brooks of the Central Jurisdiction presiding.

The conference will open Tuesday May 29 lasting through Sunday June 3rd, and will bring to the city many nationally prominent Methodist Churchmen. Among them Dr. Charles F. Golden, member, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Rev. C. H. Harper, the Central, Christian Advocate; Dr. T. B. Echols, Board of Pensions.

The heads of the various committees of the conference are listed as follows: Board of Ministerial Training, Rev. J. D. Wheaton; YWCA; Conference Relations, F. P. Leonard—Johnson Center; Missions and Church Extension—C. P. Payne, Church; Conference Claimants, D. M. Ray—Church; Temperance, T. J. Howard—Church; Evangelism, N. G. Crawford—Johnson Center; Investigation, S. S. Barnett—Johnson Center; World Peace, T. E. Davis—Johnson Center.

The host ministries to the conference are Rev. J. D. Wheaton,

Graduates Of Tuskegee Told Racial Barriers To Employment In Industry Are On The Way Out

382 Receive Degrees

Tuskegee, Alabama — Racial obstacles to equal opportunity in industry will eventually go the way of other unsound assumptions, Thomas A. Morgan, president of the Sperry Corporation, told graduates at the 67th annual commencement exercises of Tuskegee Institute here Monday, Mr. Morgan is chairman of the board of the United Negro College Fund, of which Tuskegee is a member.

A total of 382 degrees were awarded, including 10 master of science degrees in Agriculture, Education, Chemistry and Home Economics. Twelve doctorates of Veterinary Medicine were also conferred.

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Okolona College Commencement Set Prof. A. L. Johnson Speaker

OKOLONA, Miss., May 21.—The Annual Commencement Season of Okolona College will begin here Friday Night, May 25th at 8 p. m. with a Musical Recital featuring the Piano Duo of George Albert Smith and Bernice Newman Hunter.

The musical will be followed at 3 p. m. Sunday, May 27, with the Commencement sermon to be delivered by Rev. St. Julian A. Sumpkins, Jr., Rector, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Other events "Y" night, at 8 p. m. Sunday, May 27th; Senior High Class Night at the same hour Monday and Senior Junior College

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County Unit System Hit In Second Suit

GREENVILLE, Ga.—(INS)—A Cherokee County farmer Friday declared Georgia's County Unit System discriminates against white voters and asked a court at Greenville to declare the system unconstitutional.

Attorneys said the suit filed by W. M. Cox is the first one in memory in which a white Georgian seeks the protection of the 15th amendment, which guarantees the right to vote regardless of race.

Cox contended that the County Unit System gives an advantage to "black bloc" counties with small Negro populations, such as his own.

He said that last year Georgia had 46 counties with more Negroes than whites since 1930, the suit

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Advocate Editor Advises Negroes To Line Up With Democratic Party
Levey Chapple Elected To Head Local Dem. Club

GREENVILLE, Miss.—Speaking before a packed audience at Mt. Horeb Church on last Sunday afternoon, Hon. Percy Greene, brilliant and militant editor of The Jackson Advocate, advised his hearers to line up solidly with the Democratic Party in order to play a greater part on local and state

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TWO N. CAROLINA CITIES ELECT NEGRO MEMBERS TO COUNCIL

NEGRO CANDIDATES IN 13 CITIES SOUGHT ELECTION

Prominent Lawyer Is First Elected To Nashville Council In 30 Years

Mississippi Artist In Recital At SCI Sunday Evening



Rosa Page Welch, widely known mezzo-soprano, will appear in a recital at 7:00 o'clock, Sunday evening, May 27, at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

Mrs. Welch, who has used her glorious gift of music to improve inter-racial relations, has been acclaimed throughout the United States.

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GERMAN GIRL STARTS RIOT OF NEGRO-WHITE SOLDIERS

KARLSRUHE, GERMANY — (ANP)—An unidentified German girl who objected to being reprimanded for speaking to a Negro soldier, smashed a beer mug over the head of a white U. S. sailor and launched a small scale riot between 100 Negro and white servicemen here last week.

The incident, which occurred in a brauhaus (cafe) resulted in injury to nine G.I.s. The girl, who was in the company of the white sailor stepped over to talk to some Negro G.I.s. When she returned to the sailor, she was given a stiff reprimand. Incensed, she told the sailor to mind his own business, and then hit him over the head with the mug.

When the smoke cleared, none of the girls could be found and no one would give their identities. The cafe, however, was in shambles, and the battling soldiers were separated and removed from the scene by military police squads.

Prior to this incident, relations between the races in the American zone were considered good. About 25,000 Negro soldiers are presently stationed in Germany.

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Winston-Salem, N. C., May 21.—(DSN)—In North Carolina two out of 14 Negro Candidates for City Council seats throughout the state won election to office, according to a report of election results released here last Wednesday. The two were Dr. William M. Hampton, of Greensboro, and Dr. W. P. Devane, of Fayetteville.

Throughout the state this spring 13 cities had Negro candidates filing for public office. Some were eliminated in primaries.

Dr. Hampton, who became the first Negro to be elected in Greensboro, placed fifth with a total of 5,219 votes. He was vying in a field of 13 for seven vacancies on the council. Of the total votes cast in his favor, only 2,393 came from three predominantly Negro precincts.

Other votes were from the white precincts some of which were heavy. Dr. Hampton is medical director of the L. Richardson Memorial hospital.

In Fayetteville, Dr. Devane received the largest vote of five candidates elected out of a field of 10 to return to the post he had held for two years.

Among the losers, Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, ran ninth in his bid for council seating, just two places short of being elected. He was 2,833 votes lower than the seventh man. In Raleigh, Atty. Herman Taylor received strong

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Prof. L. B. Fraser Becomes Member Of Staff Of Security Life Insurance Co.

The Security Life Insurance Company, Jackson, Mississippi, announces with pride that it has been finally successful in obtaining the

active participation of Mr. L. B. Fraser in the affairs of the Company.

Mr. Fraser, beginning June 1, will serve as Educational Director in addition to holding his previous office as Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Fraser is well qualified to organize and direct such a program. While at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, he was a student of Dr. Brewer, a pioneer and outstanding leader of the guidance movement. One of the articles written by Fr. Fraser and published in a national magazine was entitled, Educational and Vocational Guidance of Negro Youth.

As a Dean, he organized and conducted for years a course in Educational and Vocational Guidance for members of the Freshman Class.

The Security Life Insurance Company through its new educational

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Colored Schools.

The Security Life Insurance Company among other activities plans, through its Educational Division and under the directorship of Mr. Fraser, to offer educational and vocational guidance service to students in those schools of the state which desire to make use of its program. The counseling service of this department is also available to families who carry the Security Life policies and who have children needing advice and counseling.

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